

TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING NO. 3
February 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT

R.DUROCHER - MAYOR

PUBLIC

THOMAS SLAGER – Councilor
BRENDA LEACH - Councilor
TIM O’BRIEN – Councilor
CYNTHIA KEARNS - Councilor

G.Bauer
E.Leach
Dan/Jessie Reams
G/C Sundby

ADMINISTRATION

STEPHEN CONWAY - CAO
TERRI CLOSE – Municipal Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Durocher.

AGENDA

MOTION 015-03-18

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor O’Brien
that:

The Agenda be adopted as amended to include:

Dr. Retention Committee
Garbage bin asset disposal
CAMA – travel approval

- CARRIED –

MINUTES

MOTION 015-03-19

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

The minutes be adopted from the last regular meeting of January 20, 2015.

- CARRIED –

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

MOTION 015-03-20

Moved by Councilor O’Brien, seconded by Councilor Kearns
that:

The payroll cheques #53841 through #53871 in the amount of \$41,487.50 and the
Open Payables in the amount of \$141,657.14 be paid.

- CARRIED –

DELEGATION

Mr. Dan Reams presented Council with information on a potential Biomass energy project that he is researching for Watson Lake. His company, Biomass North is planning to start with a small combined heat & power installation selling electricity and heat, and is working to secure customers with plans to have the system ready for commissioning in the fall. Council was in full support of the project and suggested various Yukon Government resources that may be available to assist with funding.

**NEW AND
UNFINISHED**

RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES

MOTION 015-03-21

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien
that:

Council approve the Recreation Advisory Committee minutes of January 21st for
information purposes only.

-CARRIED –

REC. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MANDATE & GUIDELINES

Council reviewed the WL Recreation Advisory Committee mandate and revised
Community Lottery Program general guidelines.

MOTION 015-03-22

Moved by Councilor Leach, seconded by Councilor Kearns
that:

Council approve the Recreation Advisory Committee mandate and lottery
program guidelines as presented.

- CARRIED –

FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AND TRADESHOW

Council acknowledged that the 2015 Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Annual conference is being held in Edmonton June 5th-8th.

OUTSTANDING
TAXES

Administration provided Council with information and recommendations on
specific properties which are in the final stages of the Town acquiring title.
Council will consider the recommendations provided by Administration.

Council discussed the Thiecol property which was tendered to the public. Only
one tender was received however was rejected as it did not meet the minimum
price criteria established by Council. Mr. Ernie Leach approached Council with a
proposal that the property be donated for a men's shelter. Once property is
secured, then Yukon Government can be approached to consider funding for this
project. Council agreed to discuss further and suggested this topic be put on the
next Council agenda.

MANAGEMENT
MEETING

Administration suggested a meeting be scheduled with Council and the
Management Team to review the departmental reports and 2015 budgets. Council
agreed to meet March 10th at 7:00 pm.

DOCTOR RETENTION
COMMITTEE

Councilor Kearns updated Council on the Doctor Retention committee that was
established in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce with the objective to
invite potential doctors to relocate to Watson Lake. The Town had agreed to
budget \$500.00 towards this endeavor.

MOTION 015-03-23

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor Kearns that:

Council approve \$500.00 for the Doctor Retention Committee.

- CARRIED -

CAMA CONFERENCE

CAO Stephen Conway informed Council that he has been chosen to receive a long service award at the CAMA conference being held in Jasper June 3rd and would like to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

NON-REFUNDABLE
RECYCLABLES

Council reviewed information pertaining to the increase in non-refundable recyclables. In the last year it has increased 187%.

WASTE MANAGEMENT
BILLING

Administration informed Council that a letter received from a resident outlining concerns with the waste management billing has been addressed and resolved.

COUNCIL QUESTION
PERIOD

Councilor Slager questioned the status of the proposed Zoning By-Law and what plans are being done to restructure the bylaw. Administration suggested the bylaw be contracted out to be redone. Council want to ensure that the comments and concerns from the public are being incorporated into the bylaw.

Councilor Leach questioned if there had been any further discussion regarding the relocation of the sani-dump. Administration advised that this will be a topic of conversation during the management meeting.

Councilor O'Brien has been approached by an individual asking what will be done with the Town of Watson Lake commercial garbage bins that are no longer being used. Administration informed Council that some of the bins will be used at the landfill and for future town requirements as needed.

Councilor Leach commended the Public Works department on the snow removal and street maintenance that was done this winter.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION 015-03-24

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor O'Brien that:

Council go In-Camera.

- CARRIED -

MOTION 015-03-25

Moved by Councilor Slager, seconded by Councilor O'Brien that:

Council revert to an Open meeting.

- CARRIED -

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 015-03-26

Moved by Councilor Kearns, seconded by Councilor Leach
that:

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

- CARRIED -

R. Durocher – Mayor

Terri Close – Municipal Clerk